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SUBJECT: FUNDING THE TRAVEL COSTS OF THE CHIEF OF THE AFGHAN  
GENERAL STAFF

1. THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT GENERAL ABDUL AZIZ,  
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF AFGHANISTAN, IS ON THE LIST OF  
PARTICIPANTS FOR THE US ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF'S FY 78 VISITOR  
PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR GENERAL  
AZIZ TO BE EXPOSED TO THIS U.S. PROGRAM. AT THE PRESENT  
TIME, THE AFGHAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT RELIES UPON THE  
SOVIET UNION FOR ALMOST ALL OF ITS MATERIEL AND FOR MOST OF  
ITS EXTERNAL TRAINING SUPPORT. AS A RESULT, THE AFGHAN  
MILITARY IS PROBABLY THAT SEGMENT OF THE AFGHAN SOCIETY WHICH IS  
MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO SOVIET PRESSURES AND SUBVERSION. ONE OF  
OUR PRINCIPAL INTERESTS HERE IS TO REDUCE THIS SUSCEPTIBILITY  
BY ENCOURAGING THE AFGHANS TO DIVERSIFY THEIR SOURCES OF  
TRAINING SUPPORT AND TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN TRAINING CAPABILITY.  
SENDING GENERAL AZIZ TO THE U.S. TO OBSERVE HOW WE TRAIN AT  
ALL LEVELS, FROM BASIC TRAINING THROUGH SENIOR SERVICE SCHOOLS,  
WOULD BE A MOST EFFECTIVE WAY AVAILABLE TO PRESENTING THIS KEY  
MILITARY LEADER WITH A CLEAR IDEA OF A POSSIBLE SYSTEM

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FOR EMULATION BY HIS OWN FORCES.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE GOA IS CHARACTERISTICALLY  
MOST RELUCTANT TO SPEND ANY OF ITS OWN BUDGETARY FUNDS  
FOR SUCH TRAVEL PROGRAMS. IF THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S.  
ARMY WERE SIMPLY TO INVITE GENERAL AZIZ TO THE U.S., THE AFGHANS  
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE QUITE PLEASED BY THE GESTURE, BUT THEY

WOULD ALSO BE VERY LIKELY TO TURN DOWN THE OFFER IF THEY  
DISCERNED THAT THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THE GENERAL'S  
TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE U.S. WHEN TURNING DOWN THE INVITA-  
TION, THE AFGHANS WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO REVEAL THAT THE ISSUE  
OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS WAS THE REASON. THE DAMAGE WOULD HAVE  
BEEN DONE, HOWEVER, AND AFGHAN PRIDE POSSIBLY WOULD NOT ALLOW  
THEM TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS, EVEN IF WE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY TO  
OFFER TO PAY THESE TRAVEL COSTS. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY  
RECOMMEND THAT THE INITIAL INVITATION CONTAIN AN OFFER TO PAY  
GENERAL AZIZ'S TRANSPORTATION. THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND  
SALES MANUAL (MASM) INDICATES IN PART II, CHAPTER E, PARAGRAPH  
9.E(1)(B)1 THAT IT IS POSSIBLE, WITH DSAA APPROVAL, TO PAY THE  
TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO AND FROM THE U.S. WITH INTERNATIONAL  
MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMET) FUNDS. IN VIEW OF THE  
CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A TRIP, WE MOST  
STRONGLY URGE THE COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED ABOVE.

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